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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/244,550
Filing Date	February 3, 1999
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Group Art Unit	2162
Examiner Name	M. Tesfamariam
Attorney Docket Number	014208.1302 (64-99-001)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed
 - ☐ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- ☒ Request for Continued Examination (33 pages)
 - ☒ Request for Extension of Time (1 page)
 - ☒ Certificate of Mailing (1 page)
 - ☒ Baker Botts L.L.P. return receipt postcard (1 postcard)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-0765 of Electronic Data Systems Corporation
- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - \$740.00
 - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - \$110 (1 month)
 - ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Checks in the amount of \$_____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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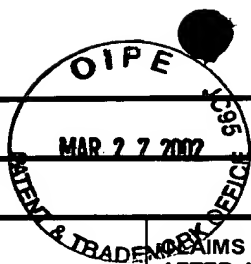
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Basic Rate						\$740.00
Total Claims	58	-	63	=	x \$18 =	
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	x \$84 =	
Total Fees						
Less 50% for Small Entity						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS RCE						\$740.00

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
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